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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, RW, CH

SUBJECT: HABYARIMANA FAR EAST TRIP

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA (WHO RETURNED MONLY MANY 31 FROM PARIS-BRUSSELS-TRIPOLI TOUR) DEPARTS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 FOR PEKING. LONG PROJECTED AND MUCH BALLYHOOED, FAR EAST TRIP WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE STOP IN PYONGYANG AS WELL. NO OTHER PLANNED STOPS KNOWN TO US AT THIS POINT.

2. AMBASSADORS OF BOTH PRC AND DPRK DEPARTED KIGALI LAST WEEK TO PREPARE THE WAY. WE UNDERSTAND CHINESE WILL SEND SPECIAL PLANE TO KIGALI TO TRANSPORT HABYARIMANA AND HIS ENTOURAGE.

3. COMMENT: RWANDA'S RELATIONS WITH PRC ARE WARM AND FRUITFUL. CHINESE RECENTLY COMPLETED MAJOR ROAD PAVING PROJECT TO TANZANIAN BORDER; THEY ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED  
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IN SMALLER SCALE AGRICULTURAL AND ATHELETIC TRAINING ACTIVITIES; AND THEY ARE REXPECTED TO BEGIN WORK SOON ON BADLY NEEDED CEMENT PLANT. CLEARLY, RWANDANS ARE APPRECIATIVE. CLUMSY KOREANS MEANWHILE HAVE ALSO TRIED TO SCORE POINTS, BUT WITH MUCH LESS REAL INVESTMENT; RWANDAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS KOREANS ARE COMPARATIVELY LUKEWARM -- ALTHOUGH NORTH KOREANS STILL GREATLY FAVORED HERE OVER SOUTH

KOREANS, WHOSE ABRUPT DEPARTURE IN JUNE 1975,  
AFTER YEARS OF DOING NOTHING, LEFT VERY BAD TASTE.

4. HABYARIMANA WILL OF COURSE URGE CHINESE TO REDOUBLE  
ASSISTANCE EFFORTS, BUT OUR BETTING IS THAT HE WILL PLACE  
SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MILITARY AID. RWANDANS ARE GREATLY  
CONCERNED OVER SOVIET/CUBAN ADVANCES IN REGION AND AT  
THEIR OWN COMPARATIVE MILITARY WEAKNESS AMONG RADICAL OR  
UNPREDICTABLE NEIGHBORS. AS WESTERN COUNTRIES REMAIN  
STINGY WITH THEIR MILITARY AID, RWANDAS CAN BE EXPECTED  
TO TURN THEIR APPEAL TO SOVIETS' OTHER MAJOR RIVALS,  
RWANDA'S GOOD FRIENDS THE CHINESE.  
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